

HIGH SCHOOL SHORT IN SEATING CAPACITY

How Can Three Hundred and Ten Pupils be Crowded Into Two Hundred and Twenty-Eight Places?

Committee, One of Whose Members Holds Over, Was Notified Two Months Ago of Condition

SITUATION IS CAUSING MUCH WORRY

The faculty at the High school is "stumped" on a mathematical problem that goes the mathematics class in "The Babes in Toyland" one better. It is equal to the Humpty Dumpty puzzle, and the combined efforts of teachers and pupils towards a solution are futile.

With only 228 seats in the High school auditorium, how are 310 pupils to be accommodated? This is the problem, and unless some relief is secured, which at present seems impossible, the High school will suffer as it never has before.

Sixty days ago an order was placed for 100 new desks for the schools. They have yet to arrive. Sixty days ago the committee was notified that it would have to buy more seats for the High school auditorium to accommodate pupils who would be promoted after the first term. Trustee Byrd was on the old and new committee. The estimated number coming into the High school will be 100, and the seats are not here. It was only recently that the committee asked for bids, and no bids have been received this late in the season.

Acting on the urgent appeal from the faculty, the committee last night telegraphed to Chicago for new desks. It is not known how long it will require to fill the order, but the teachers hardly expect it filled by Monday.

There are no old seats to be had, and the situation is serious. Every thing will be in readiness for the opening of school Monday, no delay in promotions being anticipated and as an emergency chairs have been suggested. These will afford no place for books, and no desk top and are considered out of question. The faculty may have to resort to the method of double seating.

NO WHARF SPACE AND COAL GOES UP

High water has so eliminated wharf space at Louisville and other river cities, that the coal companies in many instances have suspended operations. The price of coal has been advanced fifty cents a load on account of the scarcity resulting from the difficulty of navigation in high water. No advance has been made in Paducah and probably will not be unless the river goes four or five feet higher. Only river coal is affected.

4 TROUBLE IN MANCHURIA.

America and Japan Demand Wide Open Door.

Mukden Manchuria, Jan. 22.—Serious consequences are threatened by the complete failure of the Chinese government and foreign consuls to reach an agreement regarding the opening of Manchuria to foreign trade. Japanese and American consuls declare that the commercial treaties of 1903 opened all of Manchuria.

THA WIS WORRIED.

Paces His Cell and Debonair Manner Is Gone.

New York, Jan. 22.—Nervous and greatly disheartened, Harry K. Thaw awaits trial for killing Stanford White. His complacent manner has given away and he paces constantly up and down the confines of his cell. Actual approach of the trial has lifted Thaw's mind with fears of the outcome.

JAP VOLCANO ACTIVE ON ISLAND OF HONDO

Tokio, Jan. 22.—News reached here that the volcano of Asama Yama, island of Hondo, has been in active eruption since last Friday.

FORMER GOV. HIGGINS IS GRADUALLY SINKING

Olean, N. Y., Jan. 22.—The condition of ex-Governor Higgins is unchanged. He is gradually sinking.

Election Purity Bill.

Washington, Jan. 22.—Discussion of the senate bill to prohibit corporations from making money contributions in connection with political elections took the form of campaign stump debate in the house today, the did not prevent the passage of the measure.

WILL BE SETTLED.

All Pending Kentucky Postoffice Contests to Be Disposed Of.

Washington, Jan. 22.—The postoffice department announces that all pending Kentucky postoffice contests will be disposed of this week. This includes Nicholasville, Danville, Lexington and Harrodsburg.

REPORTS PENSION BILL.

Appropriation of \$138,138,500 Is Carried by Measure.

Washington, Jan. 22.—The house committee on appropriations reported the pension bill carrying an appropriation of \$138,138,500 for 1908. In the bill appropriation is made for only nine of the eighteen pension agencies which now exist.

SHERIFF'S DILEMMA IS EMBARRASSING

Railroad Man Said He Saved Officer From Being Killed by Handcuffed Prisoner This Morning at Union Depot

FORGOT COMMITMENT PAPERS.

Claiming to have saved the life of Sheriff Will Hall of Wickliffe, Ernest Grigsby, a young railroad man, in spite of the denial of the sheriff and the prisoner involved, paints a vivid picture of his own heroism at the Union depot this morning when the Cairo-Paducah accommodation train pulled in.

Grigsby declares that he saw Will Tanner, a handcuffed negro prisoner, in charge of Sheriff Hall and Deputy Jack Buggs, with his shackled hand take the sheriff's revolver from his coat pocket and attempt to "draw a bead" on Hall's head.

At this juncture Grigsby said he interfered and, administering a resounding whack with his fist, sent the negro spinning about like a top. Sheriff Hall was at the time talking to a friend as was Deputy Buggs, and unconscious of the danger.

Because he had in his haste forgotten the commitment papers, Sheriff Hall was forced to lay over in Paducah until the papers could be forwarded from Wickliffe. He will go to Eddyville with Tanner and a white prisoner named W. A. Stewart, sentenced to two years for seduction. Tanner is charged with breaking into a box car.

TIME EXTENDED.

County Supervisors Have Ten Days More of Grace.

Today the time of the county board of tax supervisors was extended ten days by County Judge R. T. Lightfoot. The board is working fast, having completed districts Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7, and is now working on the eighth district. The city tax book supervisors are also working hard, and it is stated another week will finish the work, as far as revising the assessment is concerned. Time for the argument of complaints must be allowed.

The Tax Rate Probably Will be \$1.70 Computed on Estimate of Assessment

Indications point to a tax rate of not over \$1.70, even if the board of aldermen is organized in time to pass the apportionment ordinance this month. The board of councilmen passed on two readings an apportionment ordinance calling for \$236,958, including the 35 cent. school levy. A rate of \$1.70 on an assessment of \$10,300,000, approximately what the assessment will be, will furnish a revenue of \$1,751,000, to which may be added \$40,000 from licenses, \$7,000 from the police court, \$7,000 from railroads, \$4,000 from the market house, \$1,200 from the wharf, and easily \$5,000 from other sources, making a total revenue assured of \$239,200. The board of public works' estimate was cut from \$40,000 for streets to \$33,000 by the councilmen, and from \$12,500 to \$10,000 for the lighting plant. The fire department was cut from \$30,000 to \$25,500. Parks are allowed \$5,000, the silver service for the gunboat Paducah \$1,500.

The apportionment proposed by

ALDERMEN ELECT THURSDAY NIGHT

This is the Hint Given Out at City Hall

Plenty of Room for Compromises and a Welcome Spirit to Fit the Occasion.

ORGANIZATION IS MOST URGENT

Compromise is in the air around the city hall, and there are indications that a president will be elected Thursday night by the board of aldermen.

Who will be elected? That is telling!

It is just hinted at. People who ought to know, are surmising in a disingenuous manner what might happen.

What sort of a compromise? Oh, there are lots of things which might be considered in the nature of compromise terms.

There will be no meeting of the board before Thursday night. That is soon enough, and a little more time is necessary in which to arrange terms of peace. Then Alderman Hannan is ill, but it is believed he will be able to attend the regular meeting.

There are a number of things depending rather vitally on the organization of the board of aldermen Thursday night.

The first pay day of Paducah's new policemen comes Friday, and they may not draw their money unless the aldermen concur in the action of the lower board, approving the pay roll. The treasurer may not pay without the general council's orders, and the administration has good legal authority for the belief that a legislative body may not be mandamus. The policemen need their money, but the organization of the upper board is a necessary condition precedent.

Then the apportionment ordinance will have much to do with the success of the Democratic administration. Unless this apportionment is adopted departmental conditions may be somewhat chaotic and the allowance of \$21,000 for police and city jail will stand. The ordinance must be enacted during January, and the aldermen must get busy to pass it, even if organized Thursday night.

Saloon licenses are held up pending action of the board. Not a license may be granted until the aldermen approve, and there is an amendment to the license ordinance, permitting the saloons to pay semi-annually, which must be passed, or the saloons will have to go through the whole procedure again in the lower board. If the licenses are not granted in January, February will find Paducah a dry town.

On February 1 a number of people who have done business with the city and need money, will be clamoring for their pay. They will not get it until the board of aldermen organizes and passes the bills.

There are plenty of points for compromises.

CHILD SLEEPING THROUGH IT ALL

While Shopmen Drag Back water for Body

Mrs. Jones' Little Daughter Quits Her Play and Seeks Repose Under the Bed.

WORTEN'S ADDITION AROUSED.

While Mrs. Dora Jones, in Worten's south side addition this morning about 9 o'clock, ran frantically from house to house searching in vain for her missing infant daughter, more than a dozen sturdy railroad men from the Illinois Central shops waded in water waist deep to recover the body of the child which was presumed to have been drowned in the back water.

"Have you seen my child?" wailed Mrs. Jones to a neighbor as she stood with hands dripping with soap suds fresh from the tub, where she had been busily engaged in washing.

When the alarm went out that little Jessie Jones, 4 years old, had drowned in the back water, ready volunteers from the shops filled the little house at 604 Goebel avenue each anxious and willing to assist in recovering the body.

The last seen of the missing child was when she sat dangling her little legs over the back water. The house stands on stilts, and a board walk runs from the back door to the out houses. This is where the little miss sat when last seen. When Mrs. Jones failed to find a trace of her missing child at neighbors' houses, where she usually spent her time when not at home, the mother raised the alarm, and a telephone message to the police station served to spread the news generally throughout the city.

Coroner Frank Eaker hitched up his horse and started for the scene. News reporters also responded and it was an animated sight that greeted their eyes.

Men, some of them in overalls, some in rubbers, and others with trousers rolled up, waded in the back water, using poles, hooks and everything possible to stir the water, but with futile results.

Suddenly a glad cry rang above the voices of the rescuers. It came from the room, where the agonized mother had thrown herself across the bed.

"My God I've found her!" were the words that floated through the open door way. The mother instantly appearing holding her missing child tightly to her bosom, sobbing in the joy of her discovery.

The girl had grown tired of dapping her feet in the water, and slipping into the house went under the bed to seek undisturbed repose.

The one ludicrous incident of the search that evoked mirth after the alarm had died out, was the double "tip" Mr. J. W. Radford took from the shaky fence he stood on while directing the work of rescue. He lost his balance and fell headlong into the water, at that place more than waist deep.

MAY BE INUNDATED PEOPLE ARE FLEEING

Jeffersonville, Ind., Jan. 22.—The Pennsylvania railroad fill broke today. The town is threatened with a great flood. It is feared the greater part of the business district will be inundated. Every effort is being made to move people to places of safety.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Will Elect Officers First Tuesday Night in February.

After transacting routine business last night, the board of library trustees postponed the election of officers until Tuesday night, February 5.

Castro Is Better.

La Guayra, Cuba, Jan. 22.—Tant President Castro will be fully restored to health and that within a month or less he will be carrying on the administration of the government as before July last, is the prediction of Dr. Rafael Ravenga, secretary general and personal physician of the president.

RIVER RISING FAST ON THE I. C. TRESTLE

CREST PASSING.
Louisville, Jan. 22.—The Ohio river at 8:30 o'clock this morning stood at 41 feet and two-tenths and has been stationary for a half hour. The weather bureau thinks the crest has been reached.

A stage of 41 feet here this morning, river rising foot and three-tenths since yesterday morning. Up to First street trestle. Will stop traffic on that line by Thursday.

COMMITTEE MEETS AND HEARS REPORT

Only One Thousand Dollars Remains to be Raised of the Glass Plant Bonus. Arrange ments to Close Deal

NEW SUBSCRIBERS TO FUND.

The meeting last night of the industrial committee of the Commercial club, which has charge of the raising the guaranty fund to secure the location of the glass factory, was largely attended and enthusiasm over the proposition was evinced. The soliciting committees handed in their reports, which show that all but \$1,000 of the amount to be raised—\$15,000 has been secured.

James A. Rudy, Henry A. Pether and Charles E. Jennings were appointed as committee to take up the proposition with the promoter, Harry M. Finley, of Leitchfield, who will be here today, and given authority to consummate the negotiations, if everything was satisfactory.

The following names have been added to the list of contributors:

R. E. L. Moshell & Co., \$50; Englebert & Bryant, \$30; S. H. Winstead Med. Co., \$30; John Doherty, \$8; St. Bernard Mining Co., \$50; Fred Kreutzer, \$10; G. B. Elmore, \$6; J. B. Allen, \$6; Frank Kirchoff & Son, \$20; Charles M. Leake, \$50; Jacob Well, \$30; Fred P. Watson & Bro., \$15; F. M. Kirby & Co., \$50; D. Rittorf, \$6; Edmund Budger, \$30; John D. Smith, \$6; J. T. Donovan, \$6; Richard Rudy, cashier Citizens' Savings' bank, \$30.

ANOTHER SHOCK IS FELT AT JAMAICA

Kingston, Jan. 22.—A heavy earthquake shock was felt at 3 o'clock Monday morning and a still heavier one yesterday afternoon.

GOLD OUTPUT MAKES INCREASE

Geological Survey for 1905 Shows \$7,716 More Than Previous Year.

Washington, Jan. 22.—The geological survey announced today that the total production of gold and silver in the United States for 1905 aggregated 60,367,342 fine ounces, with a valuation of \$122,402,676. Production of gold aggregated 4,265,742 fine ounces, value \$88,480,700, an increase of \$7,716 over the previous year. Total production of silver was 56,101,600 fine ounces, value \$34,221,976, decrease 1,531,200 ounces in actual output.

OPERATOR IS KILLED BY SHOCK AS SHE IS INSERTING THE PLUG

Bloomington, Ill., Jan. 22.—While working at a switchboard of the telephone company at Clinton, Miss. Nora Grove, an operator was electrocuted by a live light wire blown across the telephone wire, as she was inserting the plug at the exchange.

WEATHER—Fair and decidedly colder tonight and Wednesday cold wave. Highest temperature yesterday 43; lowest today 38.

WILL PUT END TO SWITCHING CARS

Danger Line Was Passed by One Foot This Morning Four Feet More

AYER-LORD COMPANY'S FLEET

In Danger at Its Mooring on Owen's Island, Where Water Is Creeping Up Rapidly.

BALLASTING AT WEST POINT.

The crest of the flood is passing Paducah now and will grow in volume for the next two or three days. The river rose a foot and three-tenths since yesterday morning on observation this morning at 7 o'clock. The stage is 41 feet.

Water from the Cumberland river is adding its part to the flood. The prediction of 45 feet looks as probable today as it did yesterday, but owing to ample warning, even that stage will do little damage. The river is up to the bottom of the Illinois Central trestle at First and Jefferson streets and another foot rise will inundate it and part of Jefferson street.

Traffic over that part of the railroad, consequently, will be stopped at a great inconvenience to many of the river front industries. Whenever the water gets twelve inches over the trestle, it is impossible to see what condition the track is in for traffic and the indications are that cars can be handled over that line only through tomorrow. Among the industries seriously affected by the cessation of traffic on First street are the Paducah Ice company, M. Livingston's wholesale grocery and several brokerage concerns, Armour's meat depot, Paducah peanut factory, Jackson's foundry, Baker, Eccles & company, grocers, Weaks Bros., grocers, Hawkins Bros., grain dealers, Exall & company, brokers, Langstaff-Orme mill and numerous other mills along the river front.

Fleet in Danger.

The situation facing the Ayer-Lord Tle company's fleet of boats and barges tied to Owen's Island, is serious if much higher water comes. Owen's island is completely inundated with a depth of ten to fifteen feet and the current sweeps across the island against the barges almost unbroken by the trees. At present there are hundred barges and boats tied to the island, and another serious problem is how to secure them there. As the water rises, the trees show less and less out of water, and therefore the available fixed property, to which the barges can be tied, grows less.

Without exception, the river men who were out in Saturday night's storm report it to have been the worst in their memories. The Castalia of the Ayer-Lord fleet was kept under steam with a full crew all Saturday night, and at many times it looked as if the boat would be swamped. The swells rolled across the guards of the boat a foot high and the vicious gusts of wind made the situation dangerous.

While backing away from one of the swells, Captain Berry, of the Russell Lord, who was on the Castalia, fell into an open hatch and seriously bruised his side. He will be stiff from the bruises for a few days. As the present stage of the river, the island affords no protection to the fleet at all and it probably is one of the most exposed places on the river, but in all the years the company has used the island, not a single barge has gotten away.

On the south end of Owen's Island a high mound was raised on which the house in which the keepers of the island live, was built. Only a little of this mound is above water and it probably will be submerged before the river recedes.

An Exciting Experience.
Joe Perry, formerly an Illinois

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